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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: BRAZILIAN VIEW OF NAC DEVELOPMENT

1. BRAZILIAN DEL AZAMBUJA DESCRIBED CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS AND OUTLOOK IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AFTERNOON AUGUST 13. AZAMBUJA HAS BEEN SITTING IN ON NACC AND FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS AS WELL AS DOING CORRIDOR WORK, AND IS PEJKPICACIOUS OBSERVER. SOME OF HIS INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS. FOLLOWING COVERS POINTS OF BROADER ANALYSIS.

2. ARAB ISSUES: AZAMBUJA DESCRIBED ARABS AS TERRIBLY DIVIDED ON INTERNAL ISSUES, BUT MAKING STRONG AND SO FAR SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO DEVELOP UNITED FRONT. SPECIFICALLY:

(A) WESTERN SAHARA: THEY HAVE AGREED TO TELL CONFERENCE THAT MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UP IN OAU WND ARAB LEAGUE CONTEXT. ALGERIA HAS GONE ALONG WITH THE DECISION AND FAILED TO SUPPORT AN INTERVENTION FROM BENIN AUGUST 13 A.M. (AS REPORTED SEPTTEL, ALGERIA SIMILARLY REFRAINED FROM INTERVENTION IN BENIN-MOROCCO SQUABBLE IN AFTERNOON.)

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(B) ISRAEL: THE GROUP HAD DECIDED TO REPEAT THE LIMA

LANGUAGE. (COMMENT: NONETHELESS, EARLY MORNING AUGUST 14 SAUD FDEL TOLD EMBOFF ARABS WANTED LIMA LANGUAGE "AT LEAST" AND WERE SUPPORTING THOSE MEMBERS WITH STRONGER VIEWS.) (C) LEBANON: ACTION WILL BE LIMITED TO AN APPEAL FOR PEACE TO ALL PARTIES. AZAMBUJA SAW ARABS AS INTENT ON KEEPING A LOW PROFILE AT THE CONFERENCE.

3. AFRICAN ISSUES: SOUTHERN AFRICA IS THE OTHER PRINCIPAL AREA OF INTEREST FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. THE BLACK AFRICANS ARE EXCITED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH THEY FEEL ARE MOVING UP THEIR "TIME SCHEDULE". (COMMENT: KENYAN DEL MWASHUMBE HAD EXPRESSED THESE VIEWS IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF.) SOWETO EVENTS WERE MAKING "RHODESIA FIRST, NAMIBIA NEXT, SOUTH AFRICA LAST" OUTMODED FOR THEM. SOUTHERN AFRICAN LANGUAGE EMANATING FROM CONFERENCE WOULD BE VERY STRONG, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS.

4. KOREA: NEITHER OF THE PRIME MOVING GROUPS AT THE CONFERENCE-- THE ARABS FOR THE AFRICANS--HAD THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN KOREA. IT WAS FOR THEM "ANCIENT HISTROY".

5. PUERTO RICO: THE CUBANS WERE MOVING IN HARD ON THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE AND, HE NOTED, HAD INCLUDED GUAM IN THEIR PROPOSAL. EVERYONE ELSE WAS UNINTERESTED.

6. LEADERSHIP: THE ALGERIANS NO LONGER WERE EXERCISING THEIR FORMER DOMINANCE, AND NO COUNTRY HAD TAKEN THEIR PLACE. THE CONFERENCE WAS LEADERLESS, AND ITS PROBLEMS COHOUNDED BY THE LACK OF A SECRETARIAT. NO ONE EXCEPT THE YUGOSLAVS AND INDIANS HAD AKYNY IDEA OF WHAT THE MOVEMENT HAD DONE OR DECIDED IN THE PAST. THE YUGOSLAVS, HOWEVER, WERE NOT USING THEIR ADVANTAGES AND HAD LIMITED THEIR ROLE TO PROVIDING TECHNICAL SERVICES (I.E., TELECOMMUNICATIONS). (COMMENT: TANJUG REPORTER REMARKED TO EMBOFF LATER TYUT YUGOSLAVIA HAD NO SPECIAL INTERESTS TO PURSUE AT THE CONFERNECE BUT RATHER WISH TO STRENGTHEN BROAD INTERNATIONAL ENPROACH OF NAM.)

7. BRAZILIAN ROLE: BRAZILIAN DELEGATION INTENDED NOT TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE AND HAD ADOPTED LOW POSTURE. AZAMBUJA CONTRASTED THIS WITH MEXICANS WHO "ALTHOUGH THEY ARE OBSERVERS, CONFIDENTIAL

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ACT AS CG THEY WERE MEMBERS". HE EXPLAINED THIS AS RESULT OF "CAPITAL" MEXICANS HAD GAINED WITH NON-ALIGNED AS A RESULT OF CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. HE NOTED, "WE BRAZILIANS ARE NOT IN THAT POSITION."
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